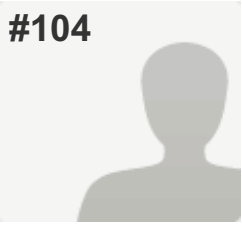


Call for Written Evidence

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PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Q1: Please tell us a little about yourself

Forename	Richard
Surname	Murray

Q2: Would you be happy to be approached by the Commission for further discussion about your submission?	No
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Q3: Do you consider yourself or your organisation as from or representing?	a rural area
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Q4: I am responding as an:	An individual
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Q5: You have indicated that you are responding as an individual. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public on the Commission's web site?	Yes
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Q6: If you have agreed to your response being made available to the public, please tell us if we may also make your name and address available.	Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address
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Q7: You have indicated that you are responding on behalf of an organisation. The name and address of your organisation will be made public on the Commission's web site. Are you content for your response to also be made available?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Which of the following best describes your organisation?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Please provide a short description of the main purpose of your organisation.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Q10: CURRENT SYSTEM OF COUNCIL TAX: To what extent does the current system of council tax deliver a fair and effective system of local taxation in Scotland? Are there any features of the current system that you wish to see retained or changed? Please illustrate your answer with any examples from your own experience.

When the council tax was introduced there were to be regular revaluations. I would like to see a quinquennial revaluation followed by indexing the property values between revaluations in order to ensure a fair taxation base. In addition there should be more tax bands at the higher levels.

Q11: REFORM OF LOCAL TAXATION: Are there alternatives to the current system of council tax that you think would help to reform local taxation in Scotland? What are the main features of these, and why do you think they would deliver improvement? Do you have any examples of why this is the case?

I believe that a property based taxation system is fair and easy to administer

Q12: LOCAL PRIORITIES: How well do you think that communities' local priorities are accounted for in the way that local taxation operates at the moment? If there is room for improvement, how should things change? Do you have any ideas or examples about how this could improve people's lives?

There should be greater devolution of power and responsibility to local level because urban and rural areas have different priorities

Q13: FURTHER INFORMATION: We would like to keep the conversation going. Please tell us about any events, networks or other ways in which we could help achieve this.

I attended the Scottish Rural Parliament and I am pleased to see that this will continue